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This month I would like to discuss a topic that has been brought up to me in the very near past. It is about proper radio etiquette, and who to contact when you hear something on air that is either against the FCC rules or policies set by the repeater trustee.

First off, let me explain that I do not mean that if you simply disagree or do not like someone that you should "turn them in" to the proper agency or the trustee of the repeater. What I am talking about is if you hear any cursing, any derogatory name calling, hate speech, or anything that has already been stated in the handbooks either printed by ARRL, or W5YI that is unacceptable on air should be immediately reported to the trustee of any repeater you heard it on. I also, as an Officer of ARRL STX am stating right here, that I do not endorse any retaliation whatsoever to any one, ever. The repeater trustee is responsible for what is broadcast over their repeater. Let that person, or club go through the proper channels that have already been setup for their protection. If someone comes on the repeater that you simply will not talk to, then by all means do not talk to them. There is nothing in the rules that says you have to talk to everyone no matter what. Remember that if you can't say anything positive, don't say anything at all.

Secondly, under no circumstance should you ever get in the middle of someone else's fight or argument, even if they are your friend. I know it's hard not to defend your friends, but trust me it does not help anyone in the end. If you feel you must help, then record as much of the incident as possible and turn that over to the trustee. There is only one exception to this, if the trustee is the one violating the rules. Then you can contact either me, or you can contact the head of the Official Observer program for STX. That person is listed under the ARRL STX Officer Section on the ARRL website.

Lastly, if you feel that something is about to get worse on air, then stop all communication on your end. Then try to record as much as you can and pass along that info to the trustee. Please remember, that this hobby is ran, managed, regulated, and overseen by volunteers in this hobby. It is up to us to regulate ourselves. We all want the repeaters to be open to all people, especially the new hams. So the best way to invite new hams on our repeaters is to represent ourselves in a clear, concise, and professional manner.

If you want to find out who the trustee is of a repeater, go to the FCC Callsign Lookup website and type in the callsign of the repeater. It will bring up the name of the person, or club who is responsible for the repeater.

For those that are interested, the trustees of the Milam County repeaters are:
Cameron – 147.020 – Susan Reinders
Rockdale – 146.760 – Stuart Wolfe
Davilla – 147.000 – Stuart Wolfe

Also if you wish to have something put in one of the newsletters, send it to me at KF5NIX@ARRL.NET and I will find a way to put it in.

If you have not done so yet, go to the ARRLSTX depot site listed below. http://www.arrlstxvps.org/vault_area/vault_gateway/site_gateway/vault_gateway.php There are several items listed on the workbook there that many of you have already accomplished in the past, just use your best guess as to the date and I will approve them.

If you complete any of the online courses send me a copy of the certificate so we can have it on file in case of an emergency so we know who we can call on.

You can get your workbook as well as other forms at the Milam County ARES website:
<http://milamcountyares.weebly.com/>

Thank you,
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Rockdale – 146.760 – PL – 123, Milam ARC weekly net – Monday nights at 8:00 P.M. The members also voted to move the Milam County Ares net to Monday nights, at 7:00 P.M. Most felt that having the ARES net on the same night as the Milam Amateur Radio Club's net may increase the sign-ins for both nets as well as free up the rest of the week.

Cameron – 147.020 – PL – 123, Milam County ARES net – **Monday nights at 7:00 P.M.**

Davilla – 147.000 – PL – 123, Milam ARC nets – Last Monday of each month held here. **Milam ARES 2 Meter Data Repeater** 145.030 Mhz This repeater is a simplex repeater with store and resend software in the modem at the transceiver. This call sign is CAMRLY. The repeater is on the Milam County Communication Tower and uses the same antenna as the 147.020 repeater. That antenna is a db224 with 6db gain. It is approximately 150 feet AGL.



2019 National Weather Skywarn –Stormspotter Training was originally scheduled to be held in Rockdale this year, but due to remodeling at the Rockdale VFD it was moved late in the week to the Milam County Courthouse. Apologies to all that did not receive the information on the relocation of the program. We tried to broadcast the change via local radio stations and over the local NETs. Lamont Bain, Meteorologist from Ft. Worth provided a very informative program. The powerpoint presentation was new and updated with more photos and videos of actual severe weather incidents. Meteorologist Bain captivated the audience once again. A chicken tender meal was furnished by Lee's Landing and other refreshments furnished by KE5LVI. We appreciate all who were able to attend. Look forward to seeing everyone next year. Once the 2020 Skywarn is scheduled, we will post the date, location and time in this newsletter.